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16. It shall be the duty of the matron in charge of each day nursery in the city of New York—

(a) To have on file in the office of the nursery an original certificate of health, signed by the nursery physician, for each child that is a regular attendant.

(b) To have on file in the office of the nursery a record that each child regularly attending has been examined by the nursery physician at least twice a month, the said examinations to be not less than two weeks apart.

(c) To prevent the admission of children to the nursery until after they have been examined by the nursery physician and a certificate to the effect that they are free from infectious disease has been issued.

(d) To notify the department of health and the nursery physician immediately by telephone of any suspicious rash or illness which appears among the children during the absence of the nursery physician, and to isolate any child or children so affected in the isolation room.

(e) To make daily inquiry of each mother, or other person bringing the child, as to whether or not any sickness exists in the child's home, and if any suspicion is aroused as to the possibility of such home sickness being of an infectious nature, the child shall be excluded and the department of health notified, and such exclusion shall continue until a certificate of the department of health is furnished to the effect that the premises referred to are free from infectious disease.

(f) To require that every certificate of health for a female child shall not be considered complete unless attached thereto is a certificate of the department of health to the effect that the examination of the vaginal smear is negative.

(g) To exclude any female child who has been shown by examination of a vaginal smear to be affected with gonorrheal vaginitis, unless accompanied by a certificate of the department of health to the effect that two smears taken on successive days have shown negative results.

(h) To enforce all rules and regulations of the department of health for the conduct of day nurseries in so far as they relate to lighting, heating, ventilation, cleanliness, and general sanitary condition of the day nursery under her charge, and the care and maintenance of the attending children and their clothing, and the character and method of preservation of food.

*Note:* The department of health will assume the responsibility of instructing the day-nursery physicians in the technique of making smears for the detection of the bacilli of gonorrhea.

The selected physician should be notified by the day-nursery authorities to apply to the diagnosis laboratory of the department of health for such assistance and instruction.

Failure to observe these rules may result in the revocation of the permit.

**Ashes, Refuse, etc.—Dumping on Vacant Lots Below Grade. (Reg. Bd. of H., Oct. 27, 1914.)**

1. No ashes, refuse, or street sweepings shall be deposited upon or used to fill up or raise the surface or level of any vacant lot or land under or above water in or adjacent to the built-up portions of the city of New York without a permit from the department of health, and such permit shall be effective only during the continued compliance with the rules and regulations of the said department.

2. Any person or persons desiring to fill such vacant land with street sweepings, refuse, and ashes shall make written application for a permit to the department of health, describing the land and their interest therein, and shall

state in such application the sources from which the material is to be obtained.

3. In the material (ashes, refuse, or street sweepings) used as fill the amount of putrescible matter shall be kept below  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per centum, except in the case of street sweepings, which may contain a larger amount of animal excrement or deciduous vegetable matter, and all putrescible matter shall be immediately raked out and properly buried or removed from the dump.

4. All material trimmed and sorted from the dump shall be removed at the expiration of each day's work, except glass, which may be stored in a properly screened building approved by the department of health.

5. All paper and cans shall be raked from the surface of the dump each day and properly buried or removed.

6. Every part of such dump, when filled to the required grade, shall be made level and covered with fresh earth or clean ashes.

7. No dust or offensive odors shall be allowed to escape from such dump to the detriment or annoyance of any person or persons not being therein or thereupon engaged, and no one shall fire a dump or burn anything thereon, except in a properly constructed incinerator approved by the department of health.

8. When deemed necessary the department of health may require the dump to be sprinkled to prevent the rising of dust therefrom, and may require the use of an adequate disinfecting solution to prevent the escape therefrom of offensive odors and the breeding of flies.

9. A violation of any of these regulations may be sufficient cause for the revocation of the permit and for the prosecution of the offender.